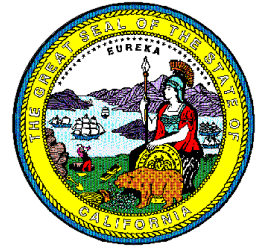




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ALERT REGARDING FRAUDULENT CALLS TO THE PUBLIC CONCERNING JURY SERVICE

The Fresno Superior Court has been notified about fraudulent telephone contacts to citizens regarding jury service. Recently, the Juror Services Division received phone calls from citizens who said that they had been contacted by phone stating that a warrant from a Superior Court Judge has been issued for them after missing jury duty, and that money was owed and if not paid that they would go to jail. The callers request amounts ranging from \$490.00 to \$1,000.00 and leave a phone number to call to make arrangements for payment. **The public should know that the Juror Services Division does NOT call jurors to obtain personal information such as social security numbers or financial information OR to request payment.** Juror phone numbers are not maintained in our computer system unless they are given to us by jurors who have been actually summoned for jury duty.

Fresno Superior Court Presiding Judge Jonathan Conklin wants the public to know that jurors who have missed their original date to report are not contacted by telephone, but are notified by mail that they must appear. If the Juror Services Division does not receive a response to this letter, they may be personally served by a Fresno County Deputy Sheriff with a legal document, he said, "Jurors are vital to our system of justice and it's imperative that the public not be victimized by those that would prey on responsible citizens."

If you receive a call from an individual who states that they are calling about a failure to appear for jury duty, **DO NOT** give the caller any personal information. If possible record the caller's phone number and report it to your local law enforcement agency.

If you have any questions please contact the Juror Services Division at (559) 457-1600 and press zero from the automated system to speak to staff Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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